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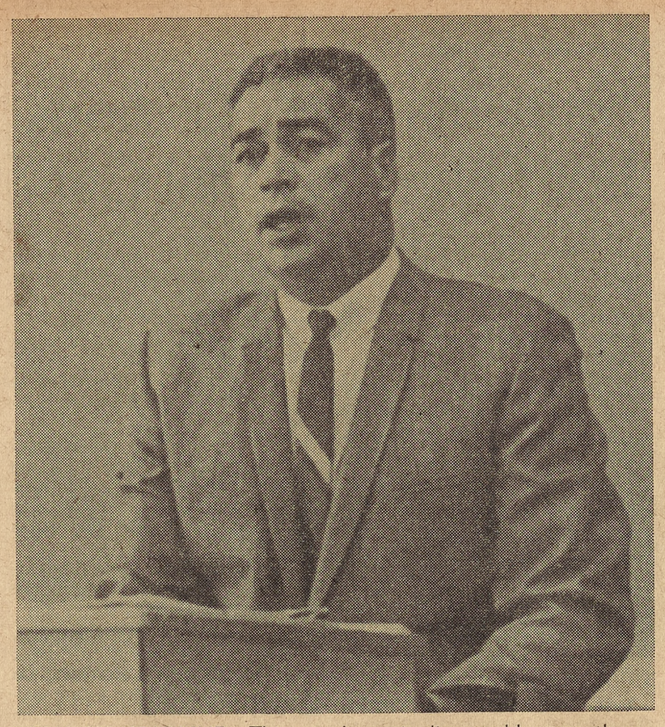


TRIAL BY HEADLINE—This was the topic discussed by recently acquitted Philip D. Watson, Los Angeles County Tax Assessor. Watson addressed a group of Valley College journalism students last Monday morning.

—Valley Star photo by Harry Kaplan

Trial By Headline Topic of Lecture

Philip D. Watson, Los Angeles County Tax Assessor, recently acquitted on charges of accepting bribes and conspiracy to commit bribery, spoke before a group of Valley College journalism students on "Trial by Headline" Monday morning.

The county tax assessor described in detail his assertion that the Los Angeles Times and their special reporter had violated the law by publishing confidential information which should have been only for the purposes of the Grand Jury. Watson also contended that the reporter covering the Grand Jury proceedings received much of his information from an "investigator" for the state attorney general.

Judge Dismisses Charges

Superior Court Judge George M. Dell dismissed eight of the nine counts on grounds of insufficient evidence. The remaining count was a charge of conspiracy to commit bribery which was also later dismissed on similar grounds.

The assessor maintained that the one conspiracy charge that the Grand Jury brought him to trial on was an erroneous expense account item for $16 at the posh Wilshire Boulevard restaurant, Perino's, which, remarked Watson, "$16 wouldn't even cover the parking fee."

The Perino incident was the result of an expense account item falsely recorded by the late J. D. Talley, vice-president of the J. J. Newberry Co. He died late in 1964.

Talley and Watson allegedly met to conspire to commit bribery. Watson contended that he was at a Masonic Lodge meeting on that evening, declaring that his required signature on the log and some 40 members present, would vouch for his presence.

Evidence that had been gathered by Watson at a cost of more than $5,000, helped prove his innocence on that particular incident and eventually led to his acquittal.

Questioned on Future

Questioned on what his future plans were concerning politics, Watson expressed concern over his future career as a trusted public official, contending time would tell. Although acutely aware of the damage the trials and headlining has accomplished, he said he was not quite ready to "throw in the towel . . . yet."

Star Names New Editor

Culminating her fourth semester at Valley, 19-year-old Karen Brooks, a member of Beta Phi Gamma, a national honorary journalistic fraternity, will succeed Bob Gomperz as editor-in-chief of the Valley Star for spring '68.

Miss Brooks was the former associate manging editor until her promotion to fine art editor, responsible for the cultural items of the paper.

Assisting Miss Brooks will be Dan Gilmore, advertising manager; Jack Fairbrother, managing editor; Gil Nelsen, sports editor; Tom Homer, city editor; Don LeBaron, news editor; Donna Chick, fine arts editor; Al Lopez, club editor; Buck Buchanan, chief photographer; Joel Richards, columnist; Wade Steinfield, copy editor and Walter Presnick, associate news editor.

KAREN BROOKS

Biologist Gets Science Grant

The National Science Foundation Institute has awarded Ronald H. Bigelow, instructor of biology, a $2,000 Academic Year Extension grant so that he may continue a research project on snow algae which he began last summer.

Bigelow's project concerns the investigation of a certain type of algae that grows only in snowy regions and colors the snow around it various shades or red, orange, and green. He hopes to discover why the algae grows in such extreme environment and how light exposure affects its color.

"The red algae grows in full sunlight," Bigelow explained. "The orange grows in partial shade and the green in full shade. I hope to find out why."

The project began last summer when Bigelow received a college teacher research participation grant and went to the University of Colorado. He worked at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research with a senior investigator who was acquainted with snow algae.

"The director of the institute recommended me for the extension sion grant and the National Science Foundation gave it to me."

Bigelow will divide his time between laboratory and field work during the two year time period of the grant. He brought some samples of the snow algae back with him and kept them in a freezer. Next summer he plans to return to Colorado and continue his field work if he gets another grant.

Study in this particular area has been greatly limited, Bigelow feels, and he hopes to advance it as far as he can during the next two years.

Biological Exhibition

The theme "It's a Small World in LS104" seemed to sum up the preparation, information, and knowledge at the Fall 1967 Microbiology Open House, held last Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Students from Miss Lois Bergquist's Microbiology class compiled displays, microscopes and literature for their term project on a specific topic.

A paramount display was presented by Judith Dowell, a 27 year-old Nursing major on the topic of syphilis. Miss Dowell culminated her semester long research with the actual syphilitic organism, a bacterial germ for students to perceive.

Myth of Germ

Miss Dowell explained to spectators the myth and reality of the syphilitic germ. Using posters to exhibit facts she obtained from the Los Angeles County Health Department, she stated that 72 percent of persons with syphilis are males and 28 percent females, she added however that females are the primary carrier and "more cases of females contracting syphilis" would be recorded if the symtoms were more easily detected in the female sex.

Exploiting figures with posters, she placed syphilitic cases into divisions. Educationally 64 percent of persons who attain the disease are high school graduates, 28 percent of which have had college background.

Using illustrated designed drawing, she exhibited the two types of syphilis tests available. Commonly referred to as the "blood test," the Wasserman Test decifers a blood sampling from the body to determine positive or negative results, she explained. The serman is also responsible for determining "to what degree' the person is infected, she added.

VDRL Widely Used

The most widely used test is termed the VDRL which is issued to couples before the marrage license can be granted.

Results of the untreated syphilitic, Miss Dowell analyzed, can lead to insanity, paralysis, blindness, deafness, heart disease and, in some cases, death.

Another display of prominance was Terry Benson's "The Pregnancy Test." Miss Benson, an 18 year-old Biology major lectured on what is infrequently called "The rabbit test" whereby the urine of a suspected pregnant woman is injected into a rabbit, a 48 hour waiting period she stated is required for the inevitable result.

Other Display's

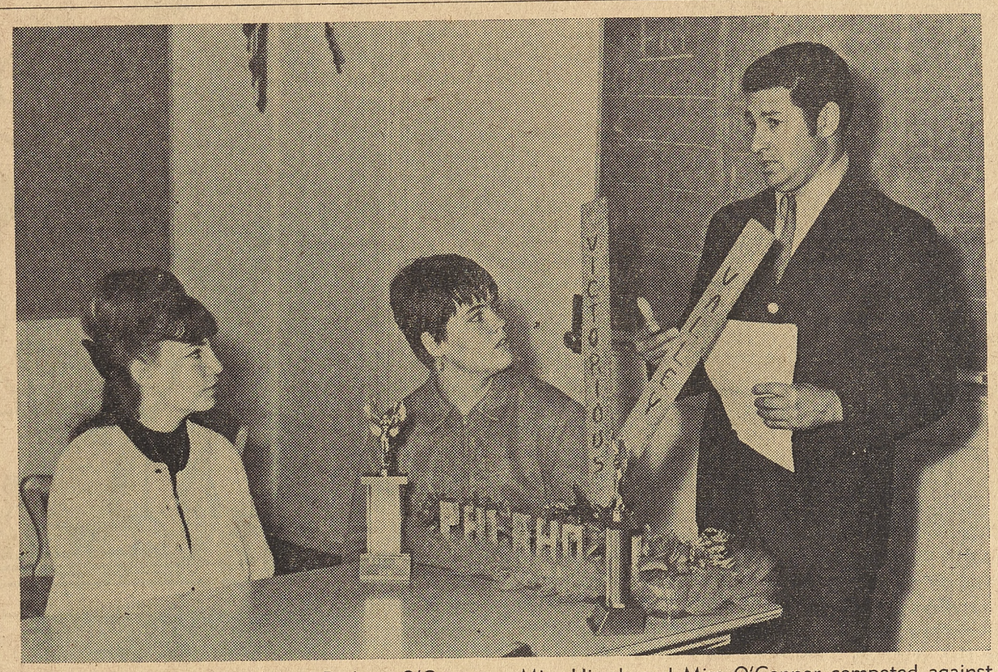
A sample of other displays offered was Pamela Sowers' "The Pku Test," "Enemy In Vietnam: Malaria" by Stasia consequences involved when one received a punctured sore in "Puncture Wounds and Tetanus," Tetanus being the antibiotic which may alleviate the possibility of further injury.

Lesa Everett offered inspecting pupils "Most Probable Number of Coliforms in Water Analysis."

A total of 28 projects were erected for presentation at the 11th hour ending a semester long effect of compilation of data and fact accumulation. Miss Bergquist has offered this affair annualy for students interested in Microbiology.

Study Aids Given

Students having trouble with their studies will be helped by the student seminar program in the Study Skills Center. Assistance will be given in math on Tuesday from 10-11 a.m., accounting on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., and chemistry on Friday from 10-11 a.m.



VICTORIOUS—Sue Hirsch and Barbara O'Connor, who won second place at the Regional Western States Championship held at Humboldt State College, Eureka, Calif., listen as Andrew Torres, debate team coach, congratulates them on their victory. Miss Hirsch and Miss O'Connor competed against 21 other junior colleges from California. Their winning topic was, "Resolved that the Federal government should guarantee a minimum annual cash income to all citizens."

—Valley Star photo by Tom Homer

Valley Debators Capture Second at Humboldt Test

Last week, Valley's debating team captured second place in the Regional Western State Championship held at Humboldt State College, Eureka, Calif.

Two speech majors, Barbara O'Connor and Sue Hirsch, comprised the team, which won on the topic, "Resolved that the Federal government shoud guarantee a minimum annual cash income to all citizens."

Victory was obtained on a final round split 2-1 decision, and, according to Miss O'onnor and Miss Hirsch, the competition both at Pierce and Humboldt was the roughest they ever met.

Miss O'Connor and Miss Hirsch competed against 21 junior colleges from California and most western states in the Humboldt tournament.

Miss O'Connor competed in the speech analysis and oral interpretation events. Miss Hirsch also competed in oral interpretation events. The coeds competed as a team for the debate event.

During the last two tournaments, the other being at Pierce, Miss O'Connor and Miss Hirsch have taken second place honors in debate. This is the first year that Valley has won a trophy in this field.

The trip to Humboldt was made possible by a $180 appropriation from the Executive Council. This amount allowed only the two students to go to Humboldt. Herb Ceaser, a Long Beach City College, instructor, acted as the girls' supervisor.

"A great deal of thanks on behalf of the Speech and Debate Team is given to A.S. for appropriating the funds for the trip. Without their help we would have not been able to send

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Mexican-Americans Attend USC Vacation Conference

By AL LOPEZ
Staff Writer

Several Mexican-American students from Valley College attended a conference at USC the first two days of the Christmas vacation. The conference was geared to stimulate Mexican-American college students and all others interested in working toward the betterment of the entire ethnic group.

Various workshops were formed the first day of the conference. Cultural, educational, tutorial, and political workshops were only a few of those formed to discuss ideas presented by those specifically interested in each category.

Although the first day of the conference was basically successful, the second day was considered uneventful. The various groups were unable to conclude on topics discussed and antagonism among the various members was strongly evident.

One of the major problems of the conference was the inability of the members to decide what the exact purposes of the over-all organization were to be. Some felt that education was the most important goal to pursue. Others felt that assisting the unfortunate, illiterate, and exploited Mexican - Americans living in the barrios of East Los Angeles and the Pacoima-San Fernando area should be the primary function of the group. Still others felt the cultural and historical aspects should have the most emphasis.

Approximately 150 members attending the conference left for a period of time to demonstrate at the L.A. Coliseum where a game was in progress, with placards crying out some of the injustices they believed should be corrected.

The placards expressed strong distress over the percentage of Mexican-Americans being drafted in proportion to Anglo-Americans. Other signs were critical of the gerrymandering by the WASP (White, Anglo-Saxon Protestant) dominated legislature of California which redistricts to make the Mexican-American vote divided and ineffective in electing Mexican-Americans to the state legislature. Discrimination in employment and housing were also proclaimed on some of the placards.

The conference as a whole was not considered as consequential as it could have been. However, many of those in attendance from distant locations were ready, willing, and even anxious to return to future conferences to work harder toward finding favorable solutions to their problems.

Some of the basic points concluded by the members of the Mexican-American Students are:

1. Forty-five per cent of the Mexican-Americans are being drafted while only 19 per cent of Anglo-Americans are drafted.

2. Twenty per cent of the southwestern states' casualties are Mexican-Americans, whose families are still living in poverty and deprivation.

3. The average educational level of the Mexican-American in the United States is 8.6 years, which is four years below the national average.

4. Large percentages of Mexican-American students are placed in mentally retarded programs. These are not due to actual retardation, but the failure of the Anglo-American geared education which does not meet the needs of young bi-lingual children of the Mexican-American culture.

5. Finally, the exploitation of the farm workers and immigrant workers by their lack of coverage of basic state plans such as Social Security, Workman's Compensation, and Medical Insurance, which are enjoyed by the rest of the state's citizenry.

Slogans such as "Times of statistics and studies are over!" "A time for a revolutionary change and action have come," and "Viva La Revolución," are being used by those working toward drastic changes in the plight of the Mexican-American.

Service Clubs Honor Members

The Knights, an honor club on campus, held their awards and installation banquet Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Red Robin Restaurant in Canoga Park.

The purpose of the dinner was to present the incoming Knights and Coronets and to honor the outgoing officers.

The outstanding Knights award went to Al Kenworthy while the outstanding Coronets award went to Michels Bernstein.

Incoming officers for Coronets are Rene Rebbe, president; Michele Bernstein, vice-president; Barbara Barnett, recording secretary; Ilene Diamond, corresponding secretary; Linda Stern, treasurer; Susan Klamon, historian; and Terry Sakivitz, parliamentarian.

Incoming officers ror Knights are Jim Nese, president; Al Kenworthy, vice-president; Dave Roberts, treasurer; Stu Nichols, recording secretary; Craig Downen, corresponding secretary, and Rick Hilson, historian.

Interested students may obtain applications from any member of the Knights or in B25.

Veterans Sponsor Bookdrive

The Veteran's Club of Valley College is sponsoring a book drive for the disabled veterans at the Sepulveda Veterans Hosiptal. The Veteran's Club will not meet until after the book drive is over on Jan. 25. Their next meeting will be Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. in H103.

"The chairman of the committee for the book drive is Robert Simon, and the goal of the Veteran's Club is to collect as many books as possible," stated Jack Howland, an active member of the Veteran's Club.

The book drive started before the Christmas vacation, and the club has collected 800 books on campus and 4,000 books off campus, said Howland.

The books will be sent to the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital for the disable Vets who are unable to get around, and he went on to say, "I like the drive because it shows support for our veterans in very poor times as far as the country is concerned."

"I feel very good about the off campus support, and I just wish that the students of Valley College could support all the men and women who for many years have made it possible for our free school system," said Howland.

Howland asked that anyone who wishes to donate any books can contact any member of the Veteran's Club or drop the books into the boxes that are situated on campus, such as the ones in Monarch Square and in the Old Quad. "The veterans in the hospital realy appreciate the donation," stated Howland.

Aliens Required To Give Address

The Immigration and Naturalization Service wishes to remind noncitizens of the United States that during the month of January they are required to report their current address on Form 1-53, Address Report Card.

In addition, aliens who are temporarily out of the United States during January must report their address to the service within 10 days after their return.

Address Report Cards will be available at the Immigration Service office at 300 North Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, or any Immigration office, and also at all local United States Post Offices.

College News Briefs

Mississippi Delta Debt

Beta Phi Gamma announced in IOC meeting Tuesday that the club will welcome monetary donations to pay off a $350 debt acquired on their charity trip to the Mississippi Delta region. Donations will be accepted in BJ114 or call ext. 276.

Reminder To Register

A reminder to all veterans who have registered or plan to register for the spring semester at Valley College. In order to receive any financial aid under the new Cold War Veterans Bill it is necessary to complete and have on file with the veterans counselor the green Veterans I.D. Card.

Music Festival Tomorrow Night

The Valley College Orchestra, conducted by Theodore A. Lynn, instructor of music, will present the Winter Music Festival at 8 p.m. tomorrow night. The concert will be given in the Little Theater.

Final Day for Art Exhibit

Today is the final day to view the Faculty Art Exhibit located in the Art Gallery. The exhibit may be seen between 12 noon and 3 p.m. and between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

'Moment of Truth' Nears

CLASSES MEETING AT:	Date of Exam	Time of Exam
7 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF	Jan. 23	9-11 a.m.
7:30-9 MF; 7:30-9:30 MW	Jan. 23	9-11 a.m.
7-8:30 TTh; 7-9 TTh; 7:30-9 TTh	Jan. 24	9-11 a.m.
8 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF, MTW	Jan. 22	9-11 a.m.
8-10 MF; 8-10 MWF; 8-10 W; 8-12 W	Jan. 22	9-11 a.m.
8 TTh; 8-9:30 TTh; 8 T, 8-10 Th; 8-11 T; 8-11 Th; 8-11 TTh; 8-10 T, 9 Th	Jan. 24	9-11 a.m.
9 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF, MTF, MTThF	Jan. 16	9-11 a.m.
9-11 MW	Jan. 16	9-11 a.m.
9 TTh; 9-10:30 TTh; 9:30-11 TTh; 9-11 T, 9 Th; 9-11 T, 10 Th; 9 T, 9-11 Th; 9-11 T, 8-11 Th; 9-11 TTh; 9 Th	Jan. 18	9-11 a.m.
10 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF, MTF	Jan. 15	9-11 a.m.
10-12 MF; 10-12 MWF; 10-11:30 MF	Jan. 15	9-11 a.m.
10 TTh; 10 T, 9-11 Th	Jan. 23	1-3 p.m.
11 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF	Jan. 19	9-11 a.m.
11-1 M, or W, or F; 11-12:30 MW; 11-1 MWF; 11-1 MF; 11 MW, 11-1 F	Jan. 19	9-11 a.m.
12 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF	Jan. 17	9-11 a.m.
12 MW, 12-1 F; 12-3 M; 12-3 W; 12-4 W; 12-4 M	Jan. 17	9-11 a.m.
12 TTh; 12-1 T; 12-1:30 TTh; 12-1 T, 12 Th; 12-3 TTh; 12-3 T; 12-3 Th; 12 T, 12-1 Th; 12:30-2 TF	Jan. 23	9-11 a.m.
1 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF; 1 MWTh, MTThF	Jan. 22	1-3 p.m.
1-3 M; 1-3 W; 1-3 F, 1-3 MW; 1 M, 1-3 WF	Jan. 22	1-3 p.m.
1 TTh; 1-3 TTh; 1-3 T, 2 Th; 1-2:30 TTh; 1 T, 12-2 Th; 1-3 T, 1 Th; 1-4 ; 1-4 TTh; 1:30-3 TTh; 1 T, 1-3 Th	Jan. 24	1-3 p.m.
2 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF	Jan. 16	1-3 p.m.
2-3:30 MW; 2-5 MW; 2-4 MF; 2-4 MW	Jan. 16	1-3 p.m.
2 TTh; 2-4 TTh; 2-3:30 TTh; 2-5 TTh; 2:30-4 TTh; 2 T, 1-3 Th; 2-4 T, 3 Th	Jan. 15	1-3 p.m.
3 Daily, MWF, MW, WF, MF	Jan. 18	1-3 p.m.
3-5 W; 3-4:30 MW	Jan. 18	1-3 p.m.
3-4:30 TTh	Jan. 19	1-3 p.m.
4 Daily, MWF	Jan. 17	1-3 p.m.

STAR EDITORIALS

Campus VD Tests May Prove Useful

Last year alone venereal disease afflicted more persons than the total of all other diseases combined. These five bacterial germs, two of which are prevalent in the United States, syphilis and gonorrhea, have been responsible for the death of over 100 million Americans and, according to the Los Angeles County Health Department figures, 5 million of these were infants. This in the last 50 years alone. Since 1960 the rate of reported VD cases has tripled.

Statistics show that syphilis is the predominant leader in VD cases and that 42 per cent of those contracting this possibly virulent germ are situated in the 15 to 24-year-old age bracket. It is for this reason, along with County Health Department estimates that there are 25,000 persons who have syphilis in Los Angeles County and don't know it, that the Valley Star and Lois M. Bergquist of the Life Science Department support and wish to explore the possibility of originating a facility that would give syphilis tests on a voluntary basis to interested or suspicious students.

According to the County Health Department, the only loophole to expedite such a program would be that the program "must be under a physician's auspices" and persons under the age of 21 must have the written consent of one parent or legal guardian. School physician Stanley Lieberman, M.D., stated he "has no objection," providing funds for the program were supplied. Also, providing the program met with administrative approval, its initial stages would not begin until next March when the examination of athletes has ended.

Figures disprove the common myth that there are more than one way to obtain the disease, says Miss Bergquist, for 98 per cent of all who contract the disease do so through sexual intercourse.

Funds and supplies for the program could be donated either through a medical grant, hospitals, interested students or from medical research firms or laboratories.

Under the auspices of the Star and Miss Bergquist, the crusade depends upon administration approval and the initiated efforts of those individuals involved which, if successful, could prove a beneficial service not only to the student but the surrounding community as well. Society must recognize this as an epidemic, for only then can attempts to eliminate it be made. Contracting syphilis is criminal only when it remains undetected, for it is then the real damage may occur. Recognizing its seriousness is the basic premise if victory over it is to be injected.

—RON CHAPPELL

Posthumous Praise Does Little Good

An individual dies. Those still living look at his life, take his accomplishments, and pay homage. Little good it does the deceased, who is not around the appreciate the praise.

Now credited as the originator of the modern detective story and ranking among the truest poets the United States has produced, Edgar Allen Poe died a destitute alcoholic.

Vincent Van Gogh, now a legend among the Impressionistic artists, spent his life being supported by his brother, an art dealer who had a difficult time selling his little brother's paintings.

Johann Sebastian Bach was a well known organist in his time, yet many of his compositions which made him historically great were not performed until many years after his death.

These are extreme examples, but the point remains the same; life accomplishments deserve recognition in the present, not in a future that cannot possibly benefit the contributor.

Recently a Valley speech professor passed away who had comparatively given as much to Valley College as these artists had contributed to the world in their fields. Yet, few students were aware that Mr. Bob E. Davis had created the excellent calibre of the Theatre Arts and Speech departments until his obituary appeared last week in the Star.

Time lends perspective to achievements but the amount of time possibly could be shortened if those doing the viewing would look with different eyes.

Try to be aware of contributions while they are being formed and don't save recognition until one has to look back and say "If only . . ." —NANCY JOHNSON

Student Government Revision Needed

The need for reform in student government has been emphasized by candidate's campaigns complaining of a lack of student representation in student government, and by offering their plans to alleviate the problem.

Events of the past semester have also made student government the focal point of attention.

Probaly the best plan to alleviate the problem, the Star believes, is the two-house system. The plan for the lower house, drafted by Robert M. Levy, chief justice of the Supreme Court, may be forgotten since the withdrawal for the office of president.

However, the newly elected student government should take note that the best system will probably involve a lower house of student government.

The house should be composed of representatives from the departments, each having one vote. Representatives should be elected by each department and directly responsible to them.

The lower house should operate the same as the national system, having the power to initiate action and to approve or disapprove action of the Executive Council. This enables the representatives of the students to have more voice and power in governing their school.

Problems which directly involve students should be handled by a body which truly represents the students and the many factions and interest groups on campus. Students will have a place to present their ideas and know that they will get a fair deal, and that the ideas will be acted upon.

Though many ideas concerning better representation for the students in their student government have been presented, the Star believes that a system such as Levy's will be the most efficient. His proposal included the elements which, when practiced, will strive toward making the student government a fair, democratic body, which truly represents the Valley College student body. —JERRY BASTIAN

LETTERS

Renounces Candidacy

Editor, the Star:

I want to thank all the people who showed such enthusiasm when I entered the race for Student Body president. I became a candidate because I felt that my experience as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and other activities qualified me as an experienced candidate. My nomination was announced in good faith and with enthusiasm. For personal reasons I find it necessary to withdraw from the race; however, I do feel that my opponent, Chuck Winckler, will have my utmost cooperation if I am called upon.

Sincerely,
Robert M. Levy

Editorial 'Misleading'

Editor, the Star:

Your editorial, which cautions against "misleading," misleads several thousand students.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, Robert Scheer, managing editor of Ramparts magazine appeared at Valley College.

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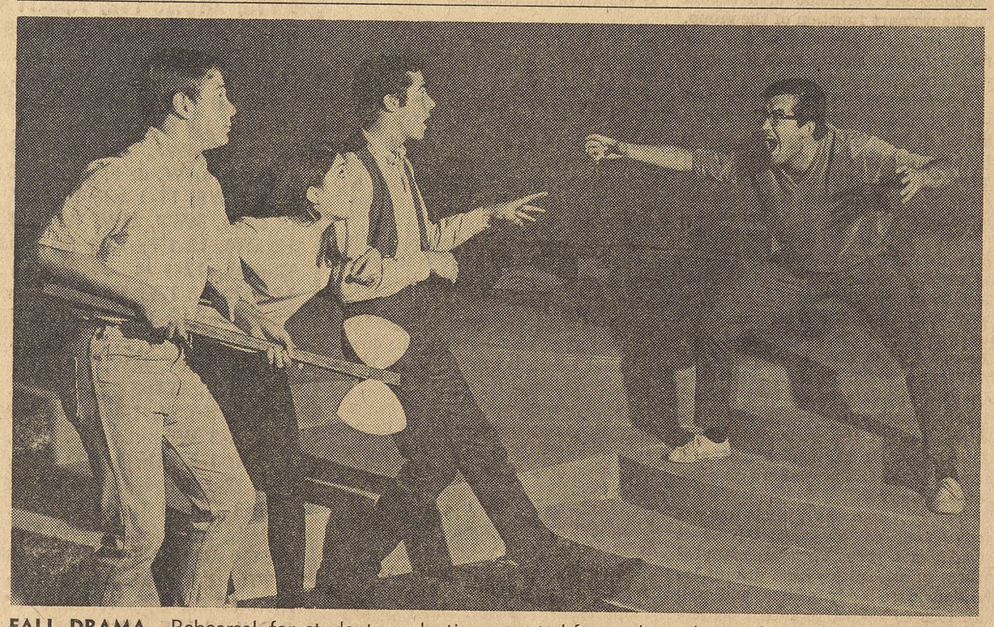
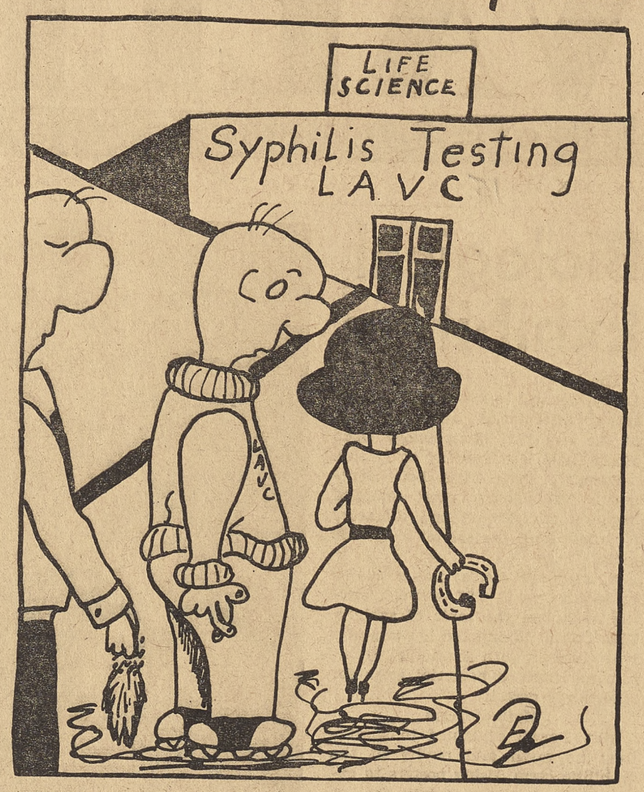


FALL DRAMA—Rehearsal for student production of "The Wizard of Oz" takes place with, from left to right: Roger Reinehart, Shelley Avachalik, David Ankrum, Marty Christopher practicing a scene. The play was just one of the numerous activities presented for students during the Fall semester. Others were speeches by Robert Scheer, and the secretary of the Southern California Chapter of the American Communist Party, Dorothy Healy.

—Valley Star photo by Gina Urbina

Doodles by Denise



WHAT'S BREWING

How To Say Goodbye And Be Remembered

By DON BREWER
Managing Editor

As unbelievable as it seems to me, I must now face the fact that this is the last column I will be writing for the Star. Although I have been working for this moment for the last two and a half years, it galls me to think that many of my campus opponents and antagonists are rubbing their hands with glee at the prospect. Ah yes, even though I possess a pleasing and lovable nature, there are those who have found my political and philosophical opinions somewhat objectionable. So then to these individuals and organizations I hereby dedicate this column.

To the Students for a Democratic Society and to all the young radicals in residence on campus let me say that I think your heyday is over and until you find influence other than that of the History Department, you will remain an ineffective force at this college.

To the J.F.K. Young Democrats, who have continually threatened throughout the semester to investigate and expose the Star as a right wing, recationary publication, keep up the good work. He can always use your interesting letters to the editor to fill up the dead spaces on page two.

To those members of student council who have found my presence at council meetings unnerving, let me point out that all those notes which I took at Clear Creek at the beginning of the semester have since been burned. So rest easy.

Also to Jon Sager, our back-patting ASO president, let me say that never has someone done so little for so many, so often.

To those instructors who have put up with my dum-dum questions and unexcussed absences for the past few years, I hope that their patience and endurance will remain strong, because there are sure to be other students, much like myself, soon to follow.

To the editor and staff of the underground newspaper, Mace, who at this time are still in search of a mimeograph machine, let me give you and your publication my full support. This campus has long been in need of a semi-fictional, salty-worded, giggle sheet.

To the administration, who has never officially or unofficially criticized my column, I give my thanks and also the telephone number of the Van Nuys Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. 782-6125.

To Joe Broadus, whose membership in SDS has not seemed to alter his ability as a journalist and a writer, I win, Leo Garapedian, and Henry A. Lalane, who have consistently put up with my use of the double modifier, misspelled, two syllable words, and a unpredictable temperament, all I can ask is why have you remained in teaching this long?

Since I will be turning over my talents to Jack W. Merrill, director of communications at Viviane Woodard Corporation in the next few weeks, I will then take this opportunity to thank the students, faculty, and administration of Valley for not having hanged me in their effigy or in reality.

To my journalism instructors: Dr. Esther Davis, Professors Edward Ireave my beaten and slightly yellowed typewriter ribbon.

VALLEY FORGE

Students Use Positions For Own Personal Gain

By BOB GOMPERZ
Editor

I put off writing this column as long as I possibly dared to, because I swore up and down that I wouldn't fabricate a good-bye column. But, here I am doing just that.

I had originally planned to write about the recently Associated Students election and the campaigning held during this semi-annual event. In order to gain insight into what had happened, I first went to talk with Bob Levy, who is presently completing a term as chief justice of the supreme court.

Levy, on Nov. 30, made a public announcement. He more or less threw his hat into the ring as a candidate for A.S. president. However, he did one thing which no other candidate of any office has ever done before. He remembered to remove his head from his hat before throwing.

Then, last Thursday, Levy announced that he was no longer interested in continuing his campaign and therefore was withdrawing from the race.

Why did he feel this way?

Well, for one, with his well placed head, he started to think just what he was doing along with the other candidates. By the time he finished thinking, he realized he could never be a politician of any type because he couldn't lie.

"The candidates," Levy says, "are lying to themselves by promoting themselves instead of the students. Their whole term of office, while they are in council is nothing but one big campaign for the next election."

"For example," he continued, "look at Jeff Rosen. At every dance or concert and all-college assembly, he had to give a little speech before the performance began.

"And Jack Frydrychs, he really disappointed me by not taking a stand on Students for a Democratic Society when the question came up before IOC. He is totaly against the group, but didn't vote because as he put it, 'He didn't want to lose any votes'."

Another reason why Levy changed his mind is because he didn't want to work with people who couldn't or wouldn't show any gratitude for anyone's efforts.

"I'm tired of people who continualy are working for themselves and working against each other," he said. As far as he can tell, the people he is referring to are nothing but a bunch of egotists.

But, what really bothers him is that nobody came up to him to say plain old, "Thank you, Bob."

Not meaning to be disrespectful, but doesn't that plea for a "thank you" have egotistical overtones? Do your job and be satisfied with knowing that you have performed to the best of your ability without waiting for recognition.

It seems strange that the accuser in most cases is just as guilty of the same fault.

Take the people who were anxious to involve more people in student government earlier this semester. During the time of the constitutional election, they were out to cut certain positions from Executive Council.

Jeff Rosen announced his candidacy for Associated Students vice-president and promised to improve IOC just after he helped to take away a fund raising project from a campus club, a member of IOC.

Or how about those clubs and club members who complain that there isn't enough club news in the paper. If they would only write some or make some.

And then there is my good friend and cohort in crime, Don Brewer, who accuses everyone of being a back slapping, but back stabbing politician, while in the meantime he is practicing the same game in his columns.

Now, I can start to wonder about myself. I sure have done my share of accusing. Am I just as guilty?

Like Jim Smith quoted, "When will they ever learn?"

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The Past Semester: A Recapitulation

By JOEL RICHARDS
Copy Editor

Fall semester, 1967, was, perhaps for most, just another step along the road toward a degree and all that extra money college students are supposed to make over the guys who quit after high school. But for many it also may have held much meaning and significance—their first semester at Valley, their last, the one in which they decided more definitely the direction of their lives.

So, for all those sentimental slobs in the latter group and anyone else who feels a touch of nostalgia over the passing of the last 18 weeks, the Star presents a resume of the major events of this semester.

Students acquainted with the normal pace of events on campus were not surprised by the rather slow start of the semester. The Supreme Court wrestled with the problem of executive council proxies, a successful summer production of "Sunday in New York" was carried over for a two week run and traditional "Howdy Week" swung into full-scale operation. A safe quiet pattern seemed to develop and everyone found their place in that pattern and moved steadily along.

Well, not quite everyone. A little over a month into the semester a group of students held a get-together that would prove to be the most memorable and newsworthy event of the term. Valley College had its very own authentic, honest - to - goodness anti-draft rally. It came complete with all the necessary ingredients—impassioned speeches, fiery hand-out literature and solid administration opposition. It isn't necessary to go into all the nasty details again, it can be safely said that at least one good thing the rally spawned was the call for another prominent speaker on campus. The call was answered by Robert Scheer, managing editor of Ramparts magazine, and a man who's views seem to be in general accordance with those of the rally's organizers.

Scheer, as far as is known, is the only man to ever be scheduled to speak at one spot on this campus and end up speaking at three others. He arrived late for his Dec. 14 appearance and found the speaking platform moved from the old quad to the Women's Gym because of cold weather. By the time a 12 noon physical education class was ready to begin, Scheer had not yet completed his text.

So, after philosophizing on the relative importance of physical education in relation to world politics, the young journalist moved with his audience to the Student Lounge. Unfortunately, a club was holding a party there at the time, and after everyone got a piece of cake they moved on to Monarch Square.

Here Scheer attempted to complete his speech, but the howling wind and biting cold made this impractical. Finally the caravan moved to E102 where the talk was finished.

Robert Scheer, however, was not the only important name to appear on the calendar of events for Fall '67. On Oct. 5 Lord Harlech, former British Ambassador to the United States, spoke to a rather sparse Athenaeum crowd. It was just a stroke of bad luck, it must be assumed, that he was scheduled to speak before and not after the story broke about his being a frequent escort of Jacqueline Kennedy. It can only be speculated as to how many more would have attended and how interesting the question and answer period might have been.

Dorothy Healy, chairman of the Southern California chapter of the American Communist Party, set a precedent at Valley on Nov. 21 when she became the first communist to speak here. Earlier, on Nov. 2, a precedent of slightly lesser magnitude was set when Jean-Pierre Hallet became the first honorary Masai warrior to speak on campus.

The subject of Dr. Lester A. Kirkendall's Oct. 19 speech, sex, set no precedents as a topic of discussion on campus.

Entertainment provided for the students during the semester can best be described as diversified. Music ran the gamut from the jazz of Don Ellis and the hard rock of the Standells and Strawberry Alarm Clock to the sophisticated sounds of the Los Angeles Woodwind Quintet. Plays went from the profound "Chinese Wall" to the youthful "Wizard of Oz."

Valley even had a film festival that featured such classics as "Mein Kampf" and "Knute Rockne."

Come to think of it, Spring '68 may have a little trouble following this semester. In retrospect it seems that quite a bit happened. And even if the cold, callous students, stepped onward to their degrees, found little to interest them here this semester, they must say one thing for it. At last, it's over.

EMERGENCIES?

The Health Office asks all Valley students to follow this procedure in case of injury on campus: Go to the nearest phone and dial "O." Tell the operator what has happened, where the injured person is, and in what general condition he is in.

FLASHBACK IN TIME—(l-r) Ebbe Smith as Player B, Angie Fontana as Player D, and Larry Larsen as Player C enact an outdoor scene from the play "USA." Short scenes featuring two or three cast members are combined to present a new type of production, a dramatic revue. All of the scenes in the play are set in the 1900s, anywhere in the United States.

—Valley Star photo by Donna Chick

Experimental Lab Theater Unveils 'USA' at Horseshoe

The place could be anywhere in the United States, the year is about 1900 and the actors and actresses, a cast of 10, are the characters which make the play "USA" come alive before the eyes of the audience.

As part of the Experimental Lab Theatre, the production will be presented today and tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the Horseshoe Theatre. Admission is free to anyone who wishes to see the play.

The two student directors, Stephanie Salim and Bil Molloy, are presenting the play in order to fulfill the requirements and receive a final grade in their advanced direction class, taught by Ernest P. Mauk, associate professor of theatre arts.

A dramatic revue, "USA" features Jonathan West as John Moorehouse, Don Melton as Player A, and Ebbe Smith as Player B. Carson Kievman and Larry Larsen are both cast as Player C, while Pam Stevener and Angie Fontana are cast as Player D. The part of Player E is portrayed by Linda Boigon, and Jan Fischer enacts the role of Player F. Abbey Farer is cast as Isadora Duncan, and Larsen also portrays Alec, while Kievman portrays Reggie.

Taking over the technical duties are John Hammil, who is the stage manager, and West, who is in charge of lighting.

The purpose of the Experimental Theatre is to help young directors learn every aspect of stage production. By choosing a cast, a technical crew, costumes, make-up, and scenery, the student in the direction class becomes involved with every facet involved in presenting a play.

The play is chosen, and the presentation date is specified. From there, the directors must take on the entire responsibility of the production, and present the play for a final grade.

"USA" contains many scenes which take the viewers back to an earlier decade and illustrates how life used to be during the early 1900s.

Authentic costumes combined with some of the Theatre Arts Department's finest actors and actresses are the necessary ingredients to make "USA" a major Experimental Theatre production.

Beautiful Sounds of Music Performed by Orchestra

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A philharmonic symphony? Not exactly, but it is the coming performance of the Los Angeles Valley College Orchestra, playing one of the beautiful strains of music which Monarchs will be able to hear tomorrow at 8 p.m.

To be held in the Little Theatre, the concert will feature "Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity," from the "Planets" by Holst, "Synphony No. 1 Opus 10," by Shostakovitch, and "Concertone," in C Major, K.190, by Mozart.

"Concertone" will feature solos by James Thompson and James Ferris (violins), Jon Clarke (oboe), and Lynne Pease (cello).

The orchestra will be under the direction of instructor of music Theodore A. Lynn.

Because of an anticipated capacity crowd, admission will be with tickets, which can be obtained free from members of the orchestra or from the Music Department.

Valley Music Students Win Top Awards at Semi-Annual Banquet

Valley College band awards and a music workshop award for the most original composition by a Valley music student highlighted the fall music semester.

LAVC's Monarch Band held its award banquet Jan. 3 at the Oak Room in Encino. Outstanding music awards went to Tim Wallace, band manager; Ellen Nicholson, captain of the bugle girls; Dave Goldstone, drum major; Cathie Reimer, solo twirler; and Ray Jackson, who arranged a lot of the music for the band.

Eighty-four members of the band received freshman service awards. Two-year service awards went to 37 members of the band, and 10 members were presented three-year awards. Among some of the dignataries present at the banquet were President and Mrs. William McNelis; Dean and Mrs. Robert N. Cole; William Lewis, dean of students; Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Cicotti; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gearing; and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Immel.

A humorous film depicting Valley's halftime football programs was shown by Evan Mower. Richard D. Carlson, instructor of music and director of the band, considered this to be one of the most successful banquets in the Music Department he has seen.

Sigma Alpha Phi, Valley's honor music society, is holding its Installation of Officers Assembly Jan. 30. An award will be presented to Michael Bane, a Harmony 2 student at Valley, for his winning original composition entitled "Festival in Leningrad."

Bane was one of 17 Valley music students who entered compositions in the Music Workshop Program held Jan. 2. Bane's musical composition was for brass and saxophone quartet.

Art Faculty Exhibit Displays Works of Department Members

With a few well-planned steps by an interested student, he could find himself amid paintings of creativity and beauty.

The place is the Art building. The paintings are works by the faculty, being a part of the "Art Faculty Exhibit" displayed at the Art Gallery until Jan. 25. The works will be exhibited from 12 to 3 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The exhibit will be closed on Fridays.

The exhibit features works from faculty members who have taken a step from that of teacher to that of artist. Paintings in oil, water colors, and etchings will be presented. A different effect by using magnetic pieces placed on a board in the same manner as a jig saw puzzle will also be shown.

Fidel Danieli has on display some of his works in optical art, which is the use of colors to produce a wavering effect to the human eye.

Some other pieces on display will be Harvey Schaefer's "Whatever Happened," Judy Von Euer's painting entitled "Ceiling Painting," and collections of ceramics by Dorothy Lash and Bill Davis.

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Monarch Band Presents Music In 1967 Review

Los Angeles Valley College's Monarch Band will perform in concert today at 11 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The band is under the directorship of Richard Carlson, instructor in music.

The program will consist of the band playing highlights from "1967 Valley Football Halftime Shows"; "British Eight," a march by Zo Elliott; "Viva Mexico," a suite by John Morrissey; and "Pageant" by Vincent Persichetti.

Students from all major fields at Valley College make up the Monarch Band. Including all the color units, the band numbers 130 members. In October, the Monarch Band won first place in the El Primero parade held in Santa Monica.

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The Arts

ShowcasesDisplay Student Art Work

By KAREN BROOKS
Fine Arts Editor

Amid sculpture and fountain, the Art Department casually goes about its daily business of lectures, practical application, and appreciation of the broad area of art.

In the corridors, well lit showcases display the creations of art students, who use their talent in numerous ways.

Masks, grotesque, funny and strangely appealing, lie side by side in a showcase, smiling at passersby.

Urns and vases, large and small, are stacked on shelves by an art student who proudly displays the end results of his time spent on the potter's wheel.

Other objects d'art, abstract, but with simplicity of style, are situated in strategic points in the halls of the art building. The gallery, open to all students and faculty, maintains the essence of a showplace, and its purpose is to provide both student and faculty with enjoyable displays.

Photographic exhibits, abstracts, sculpture, puppets and other creations of the art media, fill the gallery.

On display, at the present time, are the paintings and abstracts designs of the Valley College faculty.

Both the gallery and the art lined walls of the instructors offices reflect the teaching talent available in the Art Department.

A conglomeration of colors, designs, and displays fill classrooms, providing subjects for the student to draw or sculpt.

The Art Building is perhaps the most eye-appealing of all the buildings at Valley. It reveals the temperament of the artist, who often times requires natural settings, and uncluttered open spaces. There is no formal rigidity related to the creation of artwork in the department, and art majors may fill their class schedule with numerous art classes covering the spectrum of art instruction.

In recent years there has been a great fervor to create new and different interpretations of what art is, and to utilize whatever materials are at hand.

It is not surprising then to see the trend infiltrate the college campus, and acceptance of this trend become widespread.

Many people who benefit from this new "art" are those who heretofore felt confined by the limitations imposed upon what was "accepted art."

Valley college art students feel that the classes offered in the Art Department contain the new trends in art, and teach appreciation of modern concepts.

Also, evening classes in art offer members of the community a chance to engage in art hobbies rather than serious study into the art world. Providing a situation which relaxes as well as teaches the student to broaden his outlook about the beauty of the world around him. The department provides adequate facilities for the large numbers of students who take art classes.

Intellectually stimulating, as well as a pleasant way to spend some time, is taking a walk through the interesting Art Department at Valley college.

Marty Christopher Acts With a Touch of Humor

By DONNA CHICK
Staff Writer

Marty Christopher is a lively, animated young actor who prefers comedy to dramatic roles.

A third semester theatre arts major, he has appeared in many major productions, including "Many Moons," "The Roar of the Greasepaint, The Smell of the Crowd," "The Chinese Wall," and more recently as the Cowardly Lion in "The Wizard of Oz."

Christopher's unique talent for interpreting comedy won him the role of the Crooked Man in "The Christmas Mystery," a play written by former Valley College theatre arts student Barry Gaines. Christopher was asked to accept the role just two days before the first performance, as a replacement for the original actor.

"I feel secure in comedy," he said. "It's not that I don't like drama. It's just that I haven't done enough of it."

Christopher, a 20-year-old young man with darting brown eyes, was a representative for the valley in a theatre arts workshop while he attended Granada Hills High School. As a workshop member, he appeared in many productions, including "Irma la Douce" with Juliet Prowse, and "Paint Your Wagon" with Buddy Ebsen.

Even with all his early experience in the theatre, he is always nervous before a show. "I'm very touchy before a show," said Christopher, indicating with a wave of his arms how he feels in those tense pre-performance moments.

Although Christopher has been cast in a number of chorus parts, he doesn't consider himself a great vocalist, but he loves musicals and enjoys singing and dancing.

Even though his acting talents are varied, he excels in comedy roles. As the Crooked Man in "The Christmas Mystery," Christopher was a perfect sneering villain with a lecherous expression and a fantastic creaking voice. Throughout the hour-long performance, the children in the audience continually shouted threats at the wicked character.

"I want to be involved in the theatre, even if I have to sweep the stage," he said. Although acting is his "greatest love," he has also been involved with costumes, make-up, and most technical aspects of the theatre.

After completing another semester at Valley, Christopher plans to journey to New York, where he will audition for the American Academy or Bergdorf School of Acting.

But as long as he is acting in a comedy or musical, like his upcoming role of Throttlebottom in next semester's production of "Of Thee I Sing," Christopher will be his usually jovial self—a self who likes bright colors, people, the liveliness of the theatre, and the self-satisfaction of pleasing his audience.

Valley Debaters Win Competition

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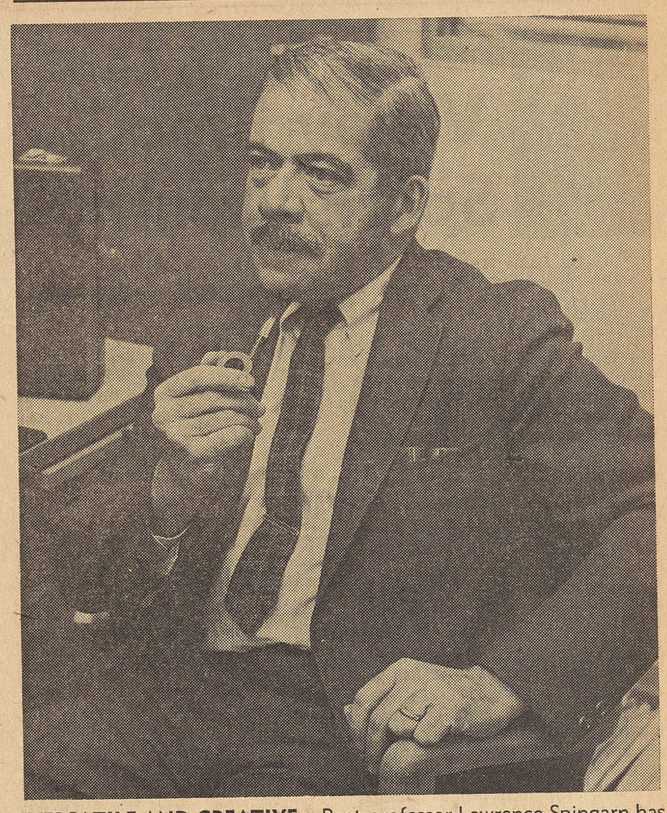
a team to compete at Humboldt," stated Andy Torres, debate team adviser.

Debating has become over the last two semesters one of Valley's finest competing events. This semester, Valley's team has been up against Stanford, the U.S. Air Force Academy, UCLA, USC, Berkeley, and many others. In the numerous tournaments of this semester, the team received high honors in each tournament.

"There is a great deal of forensic talent at Valley, but apparently students are not aware of the speech and debate team program," Torres stated.

Anyone interested in public speaking should enroll in Speech 11-12 or 12-11, or contact Andy Torres in Humanities 116, office D.



VERSATILE AND CREATIVE—Poet-professor Lawrence Spingarn has written most of his poems and short stories relating to his travels. A man of stature, he seeks to shape the world closer to his heart's desire. His hopes are written in his poems.

—Valley Star photo by Donna Chick

Professor Spingarn Poet, Artist, Teacher

By DON LeBARON
Staff Writer

"I have spent years seeking the perfect climate. I do not look for weather, nor sun, nor freedom from the cold, nor the absence of rain and fog. March growls within me, a sick beast left to die between seasons, exposed to harsh elements. My search is for the mind's climate . . . peace, for the cool spring of reason, for that perfect climate that never leaves . . ."

So goes the search by writer, poet and associate professor of English Lawrence P. Spingarn. Considering himself not a philosopher, Professor Spingarn sees a need for a change in the world and reflects his ideas through his poetry.

The quote is a poem from his collection which notes that one must find the perfect climate within himself before seeking a perfect climate in the materialistic world.

Prof. Spingarn has had four books of poems published and is in the process of getting his latest novel, "Doreen," printed. Graduate of Bowdoin College, the University of Michigan, and the University of California, he started teaching at Valley in 1958. Many of the works from this versatile writer have appeared in such noted magazines as Harper's Magazine, the New England Quarterly, the New York Times, the Saturday Review, and literary or scholarly journals in Canada, France, Great Britain, and the West Indies.

The books in which he has compiled his poetry are "Rococo Summer and Other Poems," "The Lost River," "Letters From Exile," and his latest, which is to come out in mid February, "Madame Bidet and Other Fixtures."

Along with being a recently accepted member of the Authors' Club of London, he is also a member of the International Institute of Arts and Letters, the Poetry Society of America, and the American Studies Association.

Along with Irwin Porges, assistant professor of English, Prof. Spingarn is an adviser for Manuscript, a literary campus magazine. The two advisers screen the entries for Manuscript and the editorial work which is needed to compile the works for the leaflet. Being printed by a private printer, this year's Manuscript 14 will be distributed free in English 2 classes and up. Prof. Spingarn feels the Manuscript should be used in English classes to provide students with a look at work done by their peers.

Using the abilities he has achieved through writing and teaching, Prof. Spingarn heads the writer's roundtable, a regular class designed to help students in the writing field they are particularly interested in. Although he is there to help, Prof. Spingarn finds it difficult to impose his views on poetry written by his students for he feels poetry should come exclusively from the author.

Prof. Spingarn warns his students that there is no money in such writing but suggests that it is an excellent way to express one's ideas if he has a main source of income other than that from writing. He teaches his classes on the basis that reading of other people's works can be used as a model for writing personal ideas.

Being a traveling man, Professor Spingarn has taken a tour of Europe during the summer in 1959, '61, '63, and '65, and is planning a world wide tour on his sabbatical leave next fall. He and his wife plan to tour Great Birtain, France, Italy, and Spain, then take a ship from Spain to Africa. By way of Hong Kong and Japan they then will make their way back home.

Prof. Spingarn's works do not contain many personal poems. He describes them as satirical or descriptive of experiences. Many of his ideas have been taken directly from his travels, recollections and encounters at unforgettable places.

Prof. Spingarn comes from a long line of persons with creative backgrounds. His sister is an artist and teaches art much like his uncle. With such artists in the family, Prof. Spingarn has decided he would try a hand at artistry. A relatively new hobby to him, he paints in oils and water colors.

Not being satisfied with the world as it stands, Prof. Spingarn says, "With my writing, I try to shape the world nearer to the heart's desire."

HELP

The Mississippi Delta Project, which brought food and clothing to needy people in the Delta area, needs help.

Due to mechanical difficulties, the project, sponsored by Beta Phi Gamma, is in need of financial support.

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Valley Breeds Sports Apathy

By JOEL MANDEL
Sports Editor

For most of the students attending Valley College, or for that part any junior college, it is only a stepping stone to the state college or the four-year university. Comparable maybe to making a plane switch in Pittsburgh in order to get to Hawaii . . . something that must be done in order to get to an enjoyable objective.

Apathy is a standard campus feature, in fact it is so prevalent that it is even tiresome to think about apathy. Spirit, or a lack of is, is something that can be found only in demonstrations . . . or in bottles . . . but never can it be shown in a campus-sponsored event.

Considering that $6.50 makes you a student at this school and entitles you to everything short of dinner, most campus enrollees are not even getting their money's worth. Sports events are free, but getting spectators at a game rates right behind standing in line to enlist.

There are 60 junior college all-Americans chosen during each football season. This year Valley put three men on that team, yet the only time Monarch Stadium could boast of a semblance of a crowd was at the Bakersfield game . . . where 75 per cent of those in attendance were from Bakersfield anyway.

Now basketball season is under way and, despite ammassing 13 victories in 17 starts, it looks like the plague has hit the gym whenever the Valey quintet has a home game. There are few people who dislike something exciting and, if nothing else, coach Dan Means' basketballers are exciting. Quick and spirited . . . there's that word again . . . Means has put together a hustling team that is going to vie for the Metro championship.

Even the cheerleaders show a marked lack of enthusiasm, despite their pledge to yell, yell, yell! But forget them and think, where else can you go that is free and exciting? If local newspapers and radio stations can devote time and space to a junior colege basketball team then there must be some reason why fellow students should go out and watch their teams represent Valley College in inter-collegiate competition.

This 'N' That—The 1967 sports year for Valley was not one of the banner years in the school's history. Individually the outlook wasn't quite as bleak, with a score of athletes receiving all-Metro recognition, and this year, as previously mentioned, a trio of all-Americans.

Football record breaker Wayne Quigley, and Paul Sabolic and Eugene Carrillo were all named to the mythical junior college elite. There were only 57 other gridders across the United States who captured this honor. Needless to say they, along with Jim Fleming and Caesar Payne were all-Metro selections.

Considering the mediocre won-loss record achieved by the football team, this was quite an accomplishment. Notice the use of mediocre won-loss record, and not a mediocre team, for this was definitely a team that did not reflect the number of games it won.

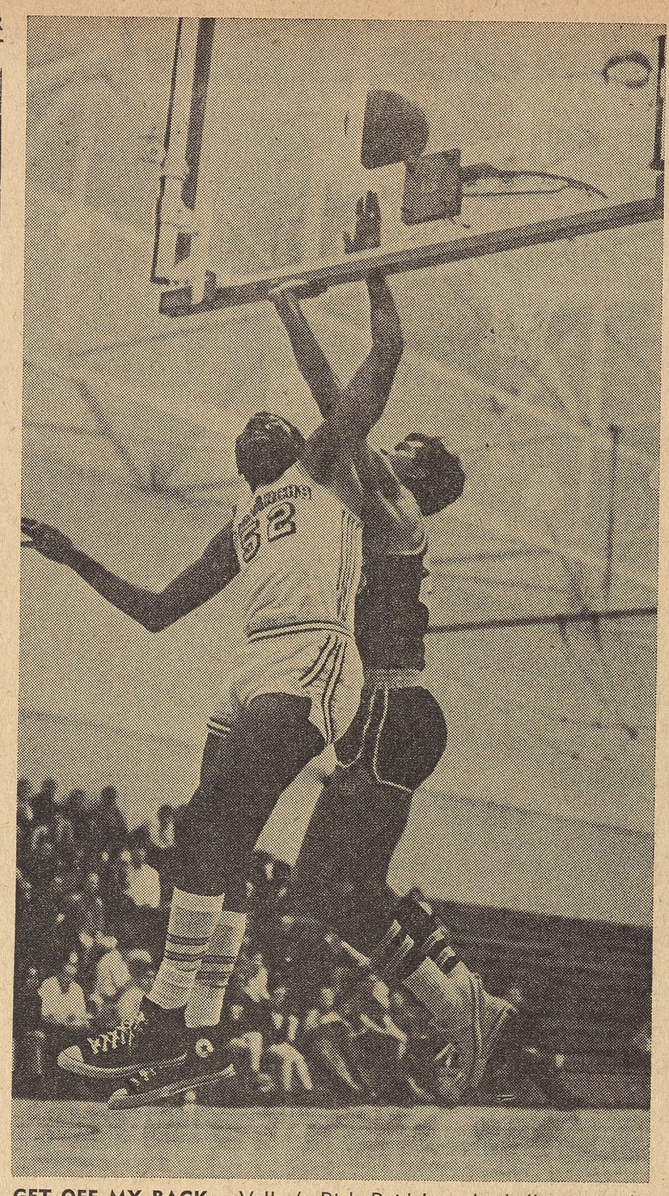
Last spring's baseball team never lived up to its pre-season expectations, but still provided a few record breakers of its own. Dave Conway and Chips Swanson were signed to professional contracts, while Jim Southworth received a scholarship to USC.

Our track team pulled off a second place finish in the Metro and then maintained that position in the finals. Coach George Ker never has had a losing record since assuming control of the track team.

Ker's cross country team, with only one letterman on the squad, still managed to take a second place in the Metro finals, as the freshman studded distancemen came through. During the season the team finished fifth.

In swimming it was as always, another championship for Mike Wiley's web-footed wonders. It was another impressive array of all-Americans for the head mentor. The water polo team came up with their best effort yet, winning more than ever before.

It was a fine year for Valley College sports, but the time for looking back is over. Basketball season is underway, with all the spring sports to follow. Optimism is a most important commodity at this stage, and maybe this year with good reason.



GET OFF MY BACK—Valley's Rich Reid lays the ball against the backboard for two of his 28 points against Rio Hondo last Friday. Reid came back with 36 against Santa Monica to spark the Monarch win. He scored Valley's last bucket and then came back with a clutch free throw to preserve a 81-80 victory.

Renegades Fall; Valley in First

For almost nine consecutive years, Monarch basketballers rode home from Bakersfield as losers.

Tuesday night, however, a jubilant band of athletes rode home not only winners but tied for first place in the Metro Conference with a 3-0 record as they rolled past an outclassed Renegade squad, 83-64.

Valley is now tied with Cerritos which defeated Rio Hondo, 93-74, Tuesday night.

The Monarchs dominated the game from the opening tip-off. Jumping to a commanding 13-2 lead with about 15:30 remaining in the first half, Valley never really was in danger of losing its lead.

Only once did the Renegades come close to tying the score. With 6:16 to go in the first half, Bakersfield inched to within six points of the Monarchs, 23-17, but a 10-point outburst by Valley gave the resolute Valley squad a comfortable 33-19 lead.

At halftime the Monarchs led, 44-26.

Visibly harassed by the tenacious Monarch zone defense, Bakerfield was forced to take outside shots that they could not convert.

The zone was so effective that it kept Andy Hill, the Renegades' leading scorer, who averages better than 20 points per game, down to four points.

The poor outside shooting coupled with the ferocious rebounding of Don Oldenkamp, Al Shumate, and Morris Thomas and the better than 50 per cent shooting clip from the field simply uprooted the Renegades.

Once again the Monarchs displayed their excellent depth. Three men scored in double figures and three men came off the bench to score 20 points between them.

Shumate scored 24 points to lead all scorers, Rich Reid, who played his third outstanding floor game in as many start, scored 23, and Guy Dimonte scored 10.

Larry Cantor, Vern Maxam, and Guy Woods came off the bench to score 9, 7, and 4 points, respectively.

Cagers Take Two Despite 5 Injuries

By SAM ROZENEK
Staff Sports Writer

If it is true that there is no education like adversity, then Monarch basketballers earned their Ph.D.'s last weekend.

Plagued by a number of injuries that would have completely crippled a less well balanced team, Valley outbattled every obstacle to win its first two conference games and boost its season record to 13-4.

Of the 12 cagers on this year's squad, five sustained injuries the week before the season opener. The Monarchs, in fact, received so many injuries that they were equipped with more bandages than Johnson and Johnson.

Warren Kuhn and Vern Maxam sprained their ankles, Larry Cantor jammed his thumb, Guy Dimonte dislocated his shoulder, and Don Oldenkamp separated a cartilage in his chest.

Season Continnes

Injuries or no injuries, however, the season continues and Valley has an excellent opportunity to gain some ground in the Metro Conference standings in its next four games.

The Monarchs host East L.A. tomorrow night and Cerritos the following Tuesday in the Men's Gym. After a nine-day rest, Coach Dan Means' squad travels to Long Beach Jan. 26 and the following night travels to El Camino. All games begin at 8 p.m.

During the pre-season, the Monarchs played Cerritos in the Sam Barry Christmas Tournament and lost a 75-73 heartbreaker after leading by 12 at halftime. Going into Tuesday's action, the Falcons had a 2-0 record.

Although the Monarchs have not yet played Long Beach, they know that the Vikings will be one of the four teams to beat for the championship. During the pre-season, Long Beach compiled a 14-1 record, including a victory over Pasadena, a team which defeated Valley 86-74. In its second conference game, however, the Vikings lost to Bakersfield, 88-77, to give Long Beach a 1-1 record going into Tuesday's action.

VALLEY 81,
SANTA MONICA 80

Sparked by Rich Reid's 36 points and all-around good floor play and Vern Maxam's outstanding defense, Valley College's basketball squad scraped, scrambled, and scratched to overcome a 19-point halftime deficit and defeat a stunned Santa Monica squad, 81-80, in what could be the most exciting second half of basketball in the Metro Conference this season.

Down by as many as 21 points early in the second half, the Monarchs came to life with about 17:21 remaining and outscored the Corsairs 57-37 in the heart-throbbing second stanza.

The first half was Valley's worst of the season. Faced with a zone defense, the Monarchs played lethargically, making numerous costly turnovers. In the meantime, Corsairs Bob Desjardins, Elliot Levin, and Sidney Wicks were converting everything they threw into the air.

Reid Hot

Had it not been for Reid's 13 points, the Monarchs would have been blown completely off the floor in the first half. At halftime the Corsairs led, 43-24.

Once the second half began, however, the Monarchs changed the slow tempo of the game by using a zone press and a man-to-man defense in order to force the Corsairs into playing the fast moving Monarch style ball.

Slowly, the Monarchs pecked away at what seemed an insurmountable Corsair lead until with 5:16 to go, Santa Monica led, 75-64.

Then, with a little more than five minutes in the game, the Monarchs got the hot hand they needed.

Tension Mounts

Outscoring the Corsairs 10-3 in two minutes, the Monarchs closed the 11-point margin to four, 78-73, with 2:43 remaining and tension quickly mounting.

With the clock quickly ticking off the seconds, the Monarchs calmly brought the ball down court and with 2:23 remaining Rich Reid, who for the second night carried the offensive load because of Monarch injuries, connected a 15-foot swish from the left side that brought the excited crowd to its feet. The Monarchs trailed, 78-76.

The Corsairs now had possession of the ball and were ready to stall but Maxam, the astute 5-11 Monarch guard, stole the ball from Despardins for perhaps the most important defensive play thus far in the season.

With Valley now in control of the ball, and less than two minutes to play, Reid, after a missed Monarch free throw attempt, connected a 25-foot jumper from the right that tied the score at 78-78.

After the Corsairs missed an opportunity to go ahead, Reid once again connected, this time a 15-footer to break the tie with 58 seconds in the game. A subsequent free throw Al Shumate, who was playing against former high school teammate Wicks, gave the Monarchs an 81-78 lead.

The Corsairs still had a chance and with 23 seconds to go Wicks converted an easy tip-in to further heighten the tension.

With about nine seconds in the game, the Corsairs took a shot that missed the basket. the 6-8 Wicks leaped above the crowd waiting for the rebound, tipped it, but the ball hit the heel of the basket and bounced out.

Maxam, diving at the loose ball, recovered the ball with about three seconds left and for all practical purposes the game was over.

VALLEY 79,
RIO HONDO 67

In the conference opener, the Monarchs played a below par first half but came back strong in the second half to defeat Rio Hondo, 79-67.

The Monarchs played the first 11 minutes, battling the Roadrunners basket for basket. With 7:56 to go in the half, the Monarchs jumped to their biggest lead of the evening, 23-17, but the Roadrunners came to within three at halftime, 35-32.

Hampered by injuries, the Monarchs were dependent on Reid for their scoring attack. In the first half, Reid and Shumate combined for eight points apiece.

In the second half, however, Reid connected for 20 as Valley outscored Rio Hondo, 44-35. The Monarchs broke the game wide open with 14 minutes remaining as they outscored the Roadrunners 16-3.

Wrestlers Receive Laurels For Showing in Tournament

Valley College's reincarnated wrestling squad assumed the role of David in last weekend's Cal Poly wrestling tournament as they went up against the Goliath of 46 junior college wrestling teams, including some of the best wrestling talent in the country.

"It was better than the state meets," beamed coach Duane Putnam. "I'm pretty proud of them." Putnam had good reason to be proud. Valley's top six wrestlers didn't place in any of the matches, however, they wrestled for seven and a half consecutive hours and made a lasting impression on veteran opponents, opponents with as much as three times the Monarchs' experience.

Marathon Tournament

To illustrate the enormity of the tournament, the 46 schools entered were responsible for fielding almost 500 wrestlers. The initial day's competition found 250 matches in progress, with an average of 12 matches going on every minute.

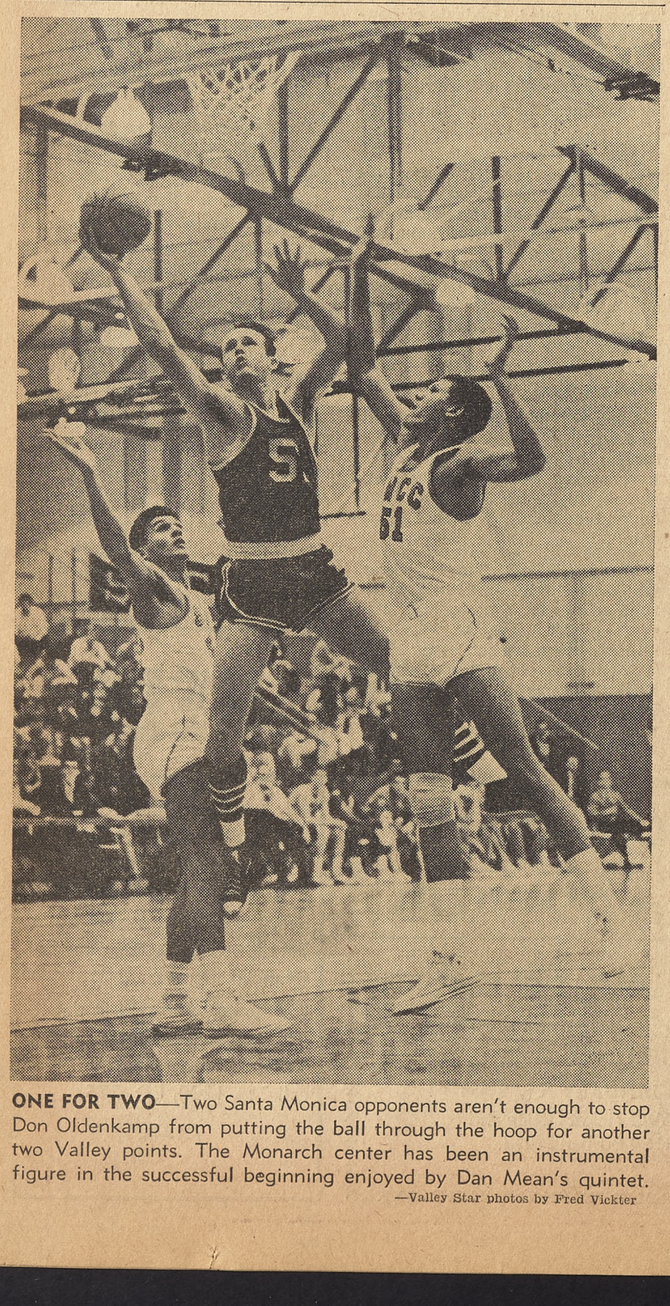
Cerritos, Bakersfield, and San Bernardino proved to be the tournament giants as five of Valley's six best were pinned. Terry Hobbs, Foster Madison, Bob Maiwurm, Ed Katz, and Ray Yocum all had their shoulders touch, while Augustus Glenn became the victim of a decision.

Despite the results, Putnam was more than satisfied with the team's overall performance. "All showed marked improvement," he said. "We should be more than a match for our next opponent." Putnam was referring to the squad's upcoming match with Chaffey College on Jan. 19 on the Monarchs' mat.

Putnam feels the performance of two of his wrestlers, Hobbs and Madison, has opened the gate to a possible berth at this year's state meet, which will be held in early March. "They could blossom during the conference season and go on to give Valley a fine representative at the Southern California and state meets," predicted Putnam. Wrestlers, as in all other sports, are made and not born.

Discussion Important Also

Aside from actual competition, many hours are spent in discussion of the sport, which includes explanation of different moves as well as their counter moves. In addition, the fundamentals are drilled into each wrestler until each is common-place to him. Beside the constant drilling, running is also an intricate part of a wrestler's repertoire. "It's a lonely sport," explained Putnam. "A wrestler is out there by himself, and he's got no one but himself to depend on. Putnam, however, went on to add that it's also one of the most rewarding of the contact sports.



ONE FOR TWO—Two Santa Monica opponents aren't enough to stop Don Oldenkamp from putting the ball through the hoop for another two Valley points. The Monarch center has been an instrumental figure in the successful beginning enjoyed by Dan Mean's quintet.
—Valley Star photos by Fred Vickter

Intramurals Continues Season; Calderone Assumes Sponsorship

Intramural sports, under its director, coach Jay Breckell, ends activity this week after a semester highlighted by down-to-the-wire struggles.

Free-pass football provided the most dramatic closing competition. Two points decided the championship, when the Bagel Busters edged out Dudley's Desperados in the final game of the season. Dudley's Desperados in the final game of the season. Dudley's Desperados had tied the game under the pressure of a sudden-death outcome. Two successful one-point conversions made the difference with the final score standing at 20-18.

Members of the winning were Gary Trumbo, Mike Bristow, Jim Langford, Ted Queckenbush, Carl Cornell, Chuck Spearman, Kerry Zirin, Dave Smith, and Mike Kevorken.

The runner-up team consisted of Bob Konysky, Mike Lane, Bill James, John Ross, John Jigomian, Roger Wells, Sam Sanbrano, John Davis, and Tom Paniz.

Half-Court Basketball

Half-court basketball also had two teams, The Leapers Inc. and the Speed Freaks, struggling down to the wire for leadership. The Leapers Inc. were able to pull the championship out of the fire with a victory over the Fruit-O-Matic on the last day of competition. Their final record was 10-1, just one victory better than the Speed Freaks who closed with a performance of 9-2.

First position had been held by the Leapers since the season began. Their only defeat came at the hands of the 76ers, who finished in a tie for third with the Wilkes.

A total of 12 teams had competed in the league, each team being composed of four members.

On the winning team are Bob Hochberg, Bob May, Bernardo Pereiro, and Roy Schwartz.

Other Sports

In badminton, the mixed doubles championship went to Dana Hall and Charles Linden, with Andre Hafka and Jeannie Tellis taking second. Murray Adams took first place in men's singles; Ezell Edmonds placed second. Miss Hall also captured first place in women's singles, with Linda Chappel winning second position.

Tennis competition concluded with Bill Duggan winning top honors in men's singles by defeating Bob Babbe 6-4. Belinda Zerg overcame Rita Watnick 6-1 to win the women's singles position.

Interclass-varsity basketball closed with coach Ray Follosco's team winning first place. Coach James Clement's team placed second. A championship was also won by coach Follosco's team in Junior-Varsity competion, with coach Ted Calderone's squad taking second.

Wrestling has ended, and and archery concludes this week to close the intramurals competition.

Coach Breckell steps down as program director next semester in order to attend to other duties. According to coach Breckell, "I have seen exciting action, good sportmanship, and the degree of competitiveness increase remarkably in my two semesters as director, and I'm sure it will continue."

Scheduled to be the new director for the spring semester is coach Calderone.

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Occupational Talks Continue in Spring

The Occupational Exploration Series will continue its interesting and helpful lecture through the spring semester. This semester, OES offered many different topics of educational interest. These particular interests ranged from teaching as a career, to electronics as a modern day occupation. The people that offered these services were successful in their related fields.

Students' Reaction

Every Tuesday and Thursday in BS100, the speaker for the series would usually appear. The audience was about average, that is from 75-100 persons would appear, according to Dr. Livingston Little, adviser of the OES program. The lectures usually lasted for 40 minutes, and then questions from the audience were allowed for the remaining time.

Why OES Program?

The original OES program was actually started in 1954 by Mrs. Mary Bruick, counselor at Valley College. When a freshman student enters Valley College. When a freshman student enters Valley College he is required to fill out a form. Within this particular form, a person must know his major. Statistics have proven that over half of the entering students don't have a major, or they are undecided. This is the main basis for the OES program. To help undecided students decide on a major and get them established in that related field. The mechanics of the program are good enough to help the student decide on a major, but in order for the student to help himself a better attendance of the lectures will be required. These two factors will also be the basis of improvement for the program in the spring semester and future dates.

OES Plans for Future

In the future, it is hoped that the program will become more closely related with the departmental heads. By doing so, the program will become more specialized, and also work closer with the student. Dr. Livingston-Little will not be the adviser for the program next semester. F. Lauren Rhodes, counselor, will take his place.

Activities

On Jan. 11, Paige was to talk on "Opportunities for Electronic Technicians." Instead, he will lecture on Feb. 6.

Friday, Jan. 12, Security First National Bank will interview students who are interested in management trainees opportunity. Students wishing an interview sign-up in the Placement Bureau.

On Feb. 9, Ishan of United Airlines will interview all girls interested in becoming stewardess. Sign-ups for interviews will take place Jan. 29 in the Placement Bureau.

Educational Enrollments Reach 66.6%

According to the latest published figures of enrollments in California institutions, junior colleges have a total of 66.6 per cent.

In addition, California junior colleges estimated 67.6 per cent of the total lower division enrollment and 43.9 per cent of all full-time college enrollments.

To account for the unusually great increase in college attendance, recognition should be given to the major factor—high quality of instruction.

In addition, financial savings assist the student and parents in the completion of a desired college education. Plus there's the acceptance of the school's ability to cooperate with community and family in extending better guidance to students.

In comparison to other educational institutions, California junior colleges offer far more extending educational programs. Thereby giving the student attending college a larger selection of particular majors.

Proving the growing popularity of junior college students was the 24 per cent increase over last year's total enrollment.

Not only are junior colleges popular for their high quality of instruction, low attendant cost, greater variety of courses, and majors offered, but also for many personal reasons.

First, upon entering a state college or university, a student immediately makes a hasty decision of one major and tries to stick with it. In a junior college, a student has the advantage of taking a variety of courses and thereby, determining his interests in different fields.

Second, there's a provision of career planning for the student can choose a career before venturing away from home.

Third, before even leaving high school, the student can get an idea of college life by attending classes.

Fourth, besides the low cost of attendance, the junior college is readily available and closer to the student's home.

As in all things, there's a drawback in these educational institutions. Namely, the lack of college's themselves, and also room in existing colleges. Percentages show that a large number of education hungry students are "waiting" for college's to come to them.

Banquet Fetes William Tusher

A semi-annual awards banquet, sponsored by the Valley College Journalism Department, will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at Harlowe's restaurant in Woodland Hills.

The event will feature William Tusher, West Coast editor of Film Daily, as the guest speaker.

Judging for the awards will be done in writing and photography categories, with special awards given to Writer of the Year, Photographer of the Year, Chief Phitographer, Editor's Award, and Photo Journalist Award.

Contributions for judging will be from the Valley Star, the school newspaper; Sceptre, the evening division magazine; and Crown, the school yearbook.

Tickets for the dinner are $3.85, and are available in BJ114.

LETTERS

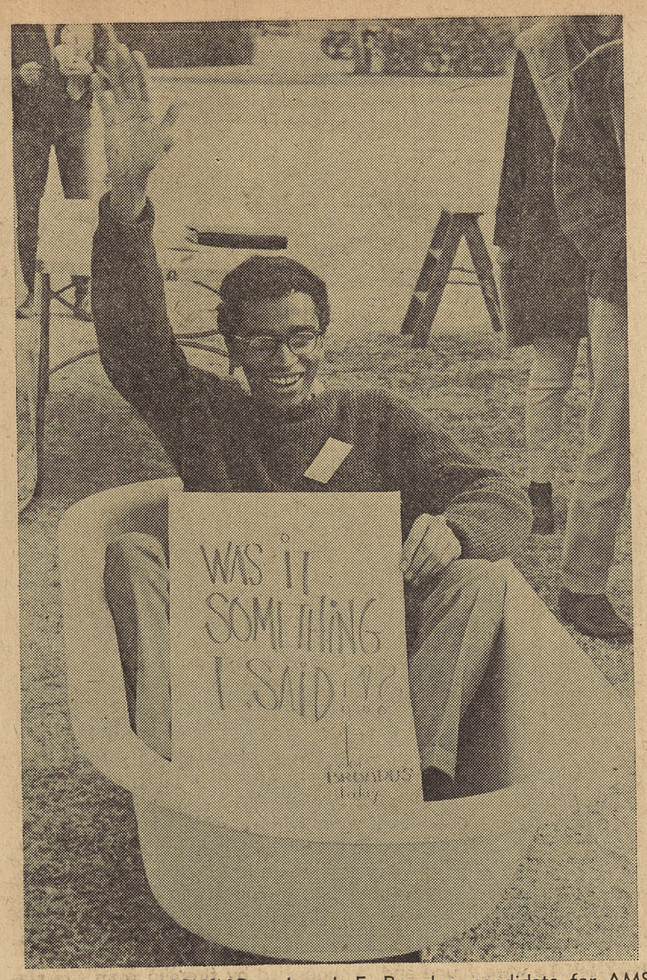
Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, 5800 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys, California, or may be presented in person in the Valley Star offices, Business-Journalism 114.

Students, faculty members, and citizens of the community are invited to comment in print in the Valley Star.

Letters should be typewritten, double-spaced, and must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request.

Letters should be limited to 250 words and may be shortened with respect to technical limitations by the editors.

The deadline for "Letters to the Editor" to be printed in the letters column is Monday at noon for publication the following Thursday.



CLEAN CAMPAIGNING — Joseph E. Broadus, candidate for AMS president, running against Steve Nesbit, is caught during one of the highlights of his campaign. Broadus offered free baths to Valley students, as a counter tactic to Nesbit's offering discount prices on hairstyling and a health spa, featuring Sauna baths. "We will kill mere existence," commented Broadus, concerning his offbeat campaign.

—Valley Star photo by Lee Nickerson

Goodall Film Screens At College Theatre

See what Tarzan saw in Cheetah when the Athenaeum program presents the third in the Museum Film Series, "Miss Goodall and the Chimpanzees," in the Los Angeles Valley College Theatre at 8:30 p.m. next Monday.

Jane Goodall is a modern scientific zoologist whose research has been supported in part by the National Geographic Society. She has not been content as so many others have been, to study chimpanzees in the restricted environment of laboratory or zoo cages. She journeyed into the African forest and lived alone for many months with these powerful and potentially dangerous animals and observed all aspects of their behavior as they ranged freely over hills and the valleys.

She discovered that the chimpanzees could create and use tools. They control the behavior of other chimpanzees by vocalizations of various sorts. They have a complex social life, such as a stylized display which Miss Goodall calls a "rain dance." This study throws important light on general anthropoid behaviors in animals that have almost human brains but lack the power of speech or the ability to transmit from generation to generation social discoveries by the use of written symbols.

Student Store Hours

Day and evening students can purchase all their school supplies in the Student Store, open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Because there are no evening division classes on Friday, the book store will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Assistance Needed

Assistance is needed for a handicapped student who needs a ride to and from college for a week or two. He lives in the vicinity of Woodman Avenue and Victory Boulevard. He attends Valley College on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. On Tuesday and Thursday he attends from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. If anyone can help him, please contact the Office of Student Activities, B. 24.

Population Increase Seen At Valley for New Year

Los Angeles Valley College started the new year off with a population increase in the day division.

There were 6,797 freshmen in the fall of 1966, and in the fall of 1967 there were 6,344 freshmen. This decrease of 2.4 per cent, has increased the sophomore status 2.6 per cent.

There were 1.4 per cent in 1966 who were graduated with an A.A. degree compared to 1.2 per cent in 1967 who were graduated with an A.A. degree.

Grant High School contributes the most students, giving us 12 per cent of our freshman population.

The three most populated study programs of the day division are liberal arts, secretarial science, business, and behavioral sciences.

New students, who are attending college for the first time, comprise 70 per cent of the enrollment.

The average age of the day student is 19 with 75 per cent of the students under 21, while many students hold full or part time jobs.

Men outnumber the women 2-1 and in the fall of 1967 there were 5,306 males to 3,713 females on campus.

87.8 of the students are single, while 12.2 are married.

Most of the graduating students will attend San Fernando Valley State College, UCLA, and USC among others.

CLUBS

Letter Sent from Sunflower Acknowledges Club's Efforts

By NANCY JOHNSON
Club Editor

Charity has its price, and for **Beta Phi Gamma** its Christmas mission to the Mississippi Delta, distributing much needed goods among destitute Negroes, has left the club $350 in debt.

At Tuesday's IOC meeting Chuck Winckler made a plea to all clubs to help pay **Beta Phi Gamma's bills.** Individuals or organizations wishing to contribute are urged to contact Don Brewer, or place donations in Nancy Johnson's mailbox in the Valley Star news room, BJ114.

Following is a letter sent to **Beta Phi Gamma** by Otis Brown Jr., president of the Sunflower Improvement Association. The grammar might be poor and the sentence structure faulty, but the gratitude and appreciation expressed are obvious.

Sunflower County
Improvement Association
P.O. Box 398
Sunflower, Mississippi 38778
January 3, 1968

Dear Friend,

This is the beginning of a new year and we have gotten off for our start in this year of 1968.

The clothes and food that arrived during the Christmas holiday was greatly appreciated, and this is how they were distributed—Food in the cans which valued for 10 cents was sold for 2 cents and that which valued 20 cents was sold for 4 cents etc. And coats were sold for 25 cents, pants 20 cents, shirts and shoes were sold for 10 cents. And the total amount that was made for Food was $19.42, and for the clothes the total was $48.00.

This money is divided into five different ways:

1. Doctor and Medicine—$13.48.
2. Lunches for the children who attends the white school—$13.48.
3. Office supplies—$1.48.
4. Fuel expenses (car gasoline)—$13.48.
5. To buy food and clothes for the needed when we don't have what they need.—$13.48.

We also gave away food, clothes and toys.

1. Food to 32 families.
2. Toys and fruit to 71 families.
3. Clothes to 103 families.
4. Bought two persons medicine, and sent two to the doctor which cost —$26.50.
5. Bought fruit for the needy—$43.23.

Two persons froze during the holiday because of old age, no fuel to heat the home, and a run down home.

Ten families were thrown out of the plantation, and one was thrown out of a house in the city, Mrs. Johnie Mae Brown. Some of these people had to go out of the country and others had to go north, because they couldn't find anyplace to stay, and no work to do. More jobs and homes mean more people to stay in the state, but no jobs and a place to stay means less Negroes to deal with on all matters.

These are some of the things we need—car repair, green stamps, money to help carry out our plan, food and clothes.

The time when the people brought the clothes before Christmas the young lady's mother took critically ill and she had to turn right around and go back to California, but this was our problem, triyng to find someone to take her to the airport, because of the need for transportation. So may God bless all of you during this new year.

Happiness in the New Year,

Otis Brown, Jr., president
Betty Jean Humphries, sec.

P.S. Due to the fact that the Mayor of the city of Indianola, Mississippi, died, they are holding a special election on January 23, 1968, and a Negro named Carver Randle is running against five white men. I don't even know their names at this time.

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"Should Extremist Groups Be Outlawed?" is the topic to be discussed by Abe Gorenfeld from the American Civil Liberties Union for the **Hillel Council** today at the **Hillel** Lounge located in the Valley Cities Jewish Community Center Building on Burbank Blvd, across the street from campus.

All Valley College students are invited to attend the 11 a.m. program.

Feb. 17, **Hillel** will be presenting a Saturday Night at Disneyland, beginning at 8 p.m. and lasting until 1 a.m.

Tickets, costing $3.75, include entrance fee, all attractions and rides (except the shooting galleries), and dancing. They may be purchased at the **Hillel Council** office, 13164 Burbank Vlvd. (across from campus) and the Los Angeles Valley College Student Business Office.

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Taking one first place and completing 11th in the overall competition, the **Valley College Sailing Club** represented their school in the Maue Cup Race held by the West Coast Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association at Cal State Long Beach Boathouse, Alameda Bay.

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S-CTA, Student California Teachers Association, is presenting a film today on "Teaching About Communism" with a discussion on the selection of material in teaching to follow.

The **S-CTA** regional conference will be held on Valley campus Feb. 10 with highlights being a display of tools used by drug addicts and a "Classroom of Tomorrow" display presented by the 3M Company.

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Tau Alpha Epsilon-Les Savants will be holding their semi-annual banquet Friday, Jan. 26 at the Colonial House in North Hollywood. Dr. Eason Monroe, executive director of the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union, is guest speaker.

Members are welcome to bring guests and the faculty is also invited to attend. Tickets can be purchased in the LAVC Business Office.

Shaw Play Scheduled At Reader's Theatre

"Don Juan in Hell" by George Bernard Shaw, will be presented as the final Reader's Theatre presentation of the fall semester tonight in the Little Theatre. Admission is free to all students and members of the community.

"This material involves a philosophical discussion of living man by four characters in hell." This was the discription given by Dr. Sydney Kessler, adviser to the Reader's Theatre.

The cast consists of four members of the Speech Department. Douglas Paddock is portraying Don Juan. Mary Whipp will portray the old woman. Edwin Boyd is playing the devil, and Carroll McCurry is doing the role of the statue. Anna will be portrayed by Penny Dorado.

"Don Juan in Hell" was given national recognition by a performance including such famous names as Charles Boyer, Charles Laughton, Agnes Moorehead, and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. As Kessler puts it, "This will be a very entertaining performance to see the semester out with. This performance will also be the full version."

The Reader's Theatre will also continue next semester with such interesting subjects as hippy prose and poetry dealing with the subject of marijuana. The official title as it stands is "Pot."

The Reader's Theatre will follow about the same pattern as it did the previous semester. Humorous readings will be on the agenda, along with another presentation of the international Reader's Theatre. "John Brown's Body," made famous nationally by Steve Bennett will also be performed.

Dr. Sydney Kessler, adviser to the Reader's Theatre, is also trying to stage "Dantes Intefrno" at some time during the spring semester.

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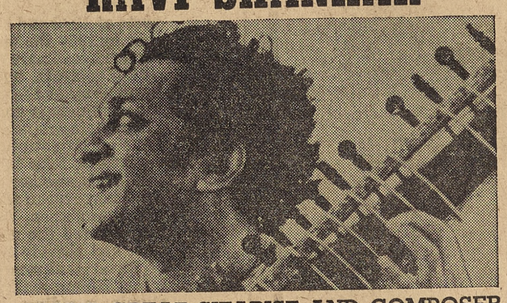

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LETTERS . . . WE GET LETTERS

Star's Editorial Criticized: Theft Reporting Praised

(Continued from Pg. 2, Col. 1)

His lecture was attended by a group of 200-300 students. It was a crowd smaller than I had expected. However, when you suggest that that small crowd indicates that few students were interested in Mr. Scheer and what he had to say, you mislead by inference.

Lack of attendance in this particular occasion does not necessarily indicate lack of interest. Mr. Scheer's appearance was effectively advertised. (Few students know Robert Scheer, many more know Ramparts and the "New Left.") It might have been advantageous to advertise Mr. Scheer in this fashion on the few posters around campus. More importantly, due to weather conditions, Mr. Scheer's place of speaking was changed at the last moment from the old Quad to the Women's Gym. Attempts were made to inform the student body of the change. Such attempts could not be successful, given the last minute switch. (Two make-shift signs in the windy Old Quad area leave something to be desired.)

It is true that there are 9,000 day students at Valley College. It is true tha only 200-300 attended Scheer's lecture. But, it is also true, and fidelity in reporting and analyzing require its mention, that the number of students attending might easily have been doubled had the student body known who Robert Scheer was and represented, what he was speaking about, and where he was speaking.

Finally may I question the editorial consistency of the Valley Star. The Valley Star frequently criticizes student apathy, railing at the failure to run for office, vote in student elections, or attend student football games. I find it strange that, in view of the past attitude of the Star, that on this one occasion (the appearance of a New Left Radical and opponent of the present United States policy with respect to Viet Nam) the Valley Star should castigate not the students who stayed away from an all-college function, but the students who came.

Virginia F. Mulrooney
Assistant Professor of History

Anti-Theft Campaign

Editor, the Star:

I wish to thank the students who have reported recent observations of stereo thefts. The alertness on the part of these students has led to two recent arrests. Continued cooperation among the student body will further reduce thefts in parking lots.

We also wish to thank the Star, particularly Mary Lou Weems, for the excellent articles in the anti-theft campaign.

In addition, our thanks go to the student Campus Security Committee under the leadership of John Balentine for the many flyers and posters distributed throughout the campus.

Again, a reminder to all students, please report suspicious actions including license numbers of suspects, if possible, to the Student Activities Bungalow, B. 24.

Allan C. Keller
Assistant Dean of Students

Junior College's Credibility Gap Stirs Contemplation of Student

By DAVID SWIRE
Staff Writer

As a junior college student, how many times has one been bothered by the unsupported or prejudiced opinions about the value of a two-year college?

The biased labeling of a junior college as "just another high school" is pure torment to anyone who knows just what a community college has to offer. With the college admission crisis as it is now, and certain to get worse, people may lie in the booming growth of the essential and valuable two-year colleges.

The worth of any institution of education is in what it has to offer. The value of a junior college is determined solely on the student's circumstances. There are many students with varied outlooks concerning the future of their education, and junior colleges have become "the answer."

"The main purpose of a junior college," states Kermit Dale, former assistant dean of instruction at Valley College, "is two-fold. At a junior college, a student not sure of what to do after high school may get guidance as to what field he would be best suited. He may explore college life and see what he is adept in before making a transfer. The transition offers a high school graduate excellent preparation for a four-year college.

Transfer students who earn good grades have little trouble continuing their education. Almost all colleges and universities with an associate in arts degree, as having already fulfilled their general education requirements or are near to it. Although there is still some confusion, Dale feels that there will be a time soon in California (already effective in Florida) where a junior college transfer will go into a four-year institution having earned a full-fledged junior standing anywhere. In a recent survey of upper-division students in a four-year university, one-half of all the Phi Beta Kappas were found to be junior college graduates.

In its total scope, the junior college offers something to every high school graduate who seeks it. Critical needs being met by junior colleges, according to educational authorities, include the following:

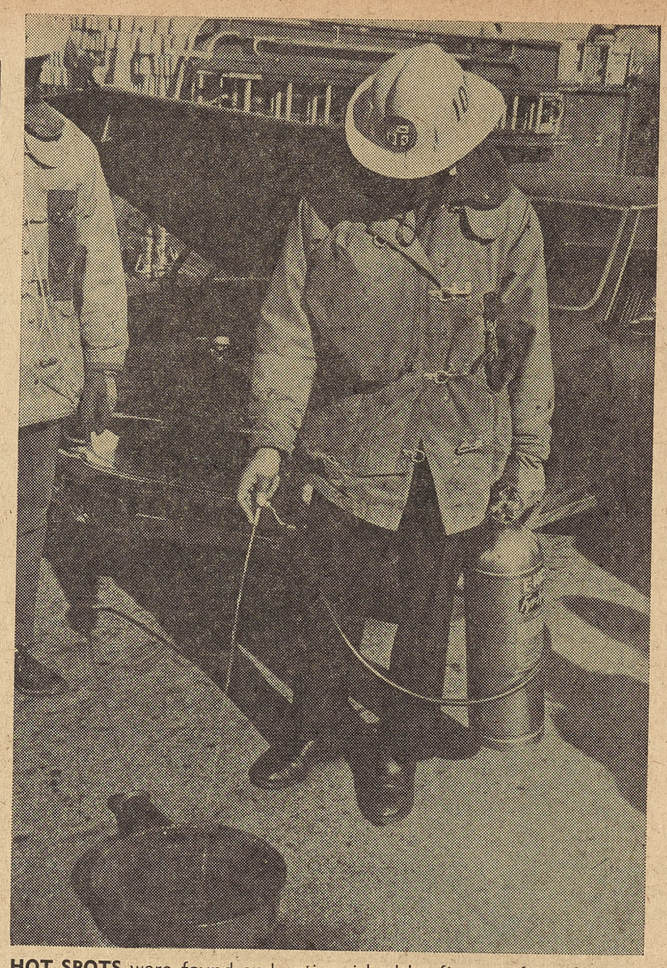
Many students, unable to enter four-year colleges as freshmen, do well enough in junior colleges to warrant transfer to four-year institutions for the third and fourth years.

A major training ground for semi-professional, technical, sales, and other work for which two years of college is considered sufficient.

Junior colleges offer adult education in evening schools, permitting people with jobs to upgrade their education. Many community colleges are open 15 hours a day, six days a week, all year around.

Students with limited funds can attend public junior colleges for a fraction of the cost of most four-year colleges. Students not sure of their educational plans, may have time to think and still work toward college credits. Freshman students are offered much greater opportunity to get involved in school activities. More flexible curriculum with vocational and academic courses are available.

Along with all the educational and technical opportunities offered, students attending junior colleges, such as those above, find personal advantages which to a young person are more immediately important.



HOT SPOTS were found and extinguished by firemen from fire station number 102 last Friday. The fire, in parking lot G, caused a fire alarm to be pulled. This brought firemen on campus, and classrooms to be emptied.

—Valley Star photo by Dan Gilmore

Language Chairmen Meet For Problems Discussion

Administrators and chairmen from all the junior college foreign language departments in Southern California will meet today at 2 p.m. in the staff dining room of the Cafeteria to discuss problems confronting junior college foreign language departments.

Angelo S. Villa, professor of Spanish and chairman of the Foreign Language Department at Valley, will preside over the discussions.

Some of the topics to be discussed are the results of an extensive questionnaire compiled by Dr. H. L. Swanson, dean of the division of communications of El Camino College, and his colleague, Dr. Seymour Travers. These topics include classroom sizes, reductions in foreign language dropout rates, selection of textbooks, and teaching techniques.

Rerepresentatives from approximately 40 junior colleges will attend the meeting. Later in the evening, a dinner is planned for all the chairmen and administrators.

LIBRARY HOURS

Valley's day students can use the library facilities daily except Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays it is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is not open on weekends.

Fire Marks Start Of Bad Weekend

By DAN GILMORE
Staff Writer

A weekend of tragedies began last Friday for Kenny Lipton as his car caught on fire in parking lot G.

Lipton had pulled out of a parking stall and gone about 20 feet when he heard a low popping noise. He noticed smoke coming from the hood when someone yelled that there was fire under his car. He backed up away from the fire, only to find that his engine was in flames.

At this point Lipton began searching for some type of equipment to put out the fire. He finally found a fire extinguisher in the Women's Gym office. At the same time, he pulled a fire alarm which brought the fire department on campus, and everyone out of the buildings.

Firemen helped Lipton push his car back into a stall so it would not block traffic while he was making a phone call. When he returned, he found that someone had made off with his stereo set and a few articles of clothing.

Lipton reported that all the wiring, insulation, and hoses had been burned. Damage had not been estimated.

Over the weekend, Lipton was traveling with a friend on a dirt road off Topanga Canyon Boulevard. His friend lost control of the vehicle, and spun around once and rolled over twice. The vehicle stopped at the edge of a cliff. The two occupants jumped out just in time to see it slide down 20 feet into the ravine.

Lipton is reportedly developing a fear of automotive travel. He was quoted as say, "Everything seems to be going wrong all at once." He was also contemplating the idea of becoming inactive until a few things start going right for him.

PARK AND PAY

Citations will be given to students by the Los Angeles Police Department for parking illegally in the lot of the Valley Jewish Community Center. Parking is provided only for employees of the center. Citations will also given by the LAPD to those students who are parking in the aisles or the triangle spaces at the end of the aisles in any of the Valley College parking lots.

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1968: ITS CAUSE AND CURE

Are you still writing "1967" on your papers and letters? I'll bet you are, you scamp! But I am not one to be harsh with those who forgot we are in a new year, for I myself have long been guilty of the same lapse. In fact, in my senior year at college, I wrote 1873 on my papers until nearly November of 1874! (It turned out, incidentally, not to be such a serious error because, as we all know, 1874 was later repealed by President Chester A. Arthur in a fit of pique over the Black Tom Explosion. And, as we all know, Mr. Arthur later came to regret his hasty action. Who does not recall that famous meeting between Mr. Arthur and Louis Napoleon when Mr. Arthur said, "Lou, I wish I hadn't of repealed 1874!" Whereupon the French emperor made his immortal rejoinder, "*Tipi que nous et tyler tu*". Well sir, they had many a good laugh about that, as you can imagine.)

But I digress. How can we remember to write 1968 on our papers and letters? Well sir, the best way is to find something memorable about 1968, something unique to fix it firmly in your mind. Happily, this is very simple because, as we all know, 1968 is the first year in history that is divisible by 2, by 5, and by 7. Take a pencil and try it: 1968 divided by 2 is 984; 1968 divided by 5 is 393⅗; 1968 divided by 7 is 281⅐. This mathematical curiosity will not occur again until the year 2079, but we will all be so busy then celebrating the Chester A. Arthur bi-centenerary that we will scarcely have time to be writing papers and letters and like that.

Another clever little trick to fix the year 1968 in your mind is to remember that 1968 spelled backwards is 8691. "Year" spelled backwards is "raey." "Personna" spelled backwards is "Annosrep." I mention Personna because I am paid to write this column by the makers of Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades, and they are inclined to withhold my check if I omit to mention their product.

Not, mind you, that it is any chore for me to sing the praises of Personna, for it is a seemly blade that shaves you cleanly, a gleaming blade that leaves you beaming, a trouble-free blade that leaves you stubble-free, a matchless blade that leaves you scratchless. If you are tired of facial slump, if you are fed up with jowl blight, try Personna today . . . available both in double-edge style and Injector style. And if I seem a bit excessive in my admiration for Personna, I ask you to remember that to me Personna is more than a razor blade; it is also an employer.

But I digress. We were speaking of the memorable aspects of 1968 and high among them, of course, is the fact that in 1968 the entire House of Representatives stands for election. There will, no doubt, be many lively and interesting contests, but none, I'll wager, quite so lively and interesting as the one in my own district where the leading candidate is none other than Chester A. Arthur!

Mr. Arthur, incidentally, is not the first ex-president to come out of retirement and run for the House of Representatives. John Quincy Adams was the first. Mr. Adams also holds another distinction: he was the first son of a president ever to serve as president. It is true that Martin Van Buren's son, Walter "Blinky" Van Buren, was at one time offered the nomination for the presidency, but he, alas, had already accepted a bid to become Mad Ludwig of Bavaria. James K. Polk's son, on the other hand, became Salmon P. Chase. Millard Fillmore's son went into aluminum siding. This later became known as the Missouri Compromise.

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